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General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

High-level Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly on Water Cooperation[1] [webcast]

Opening

10:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Panel 1: "Setting the stage — Issues, challenges and opportunities for water cooperation"

11:30 — Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Moderator:
Mr. Jan Eliasson, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

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[1] A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 March 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. To consult the most updated programme please, *click here*.

Security Council

10:00 — 6939th meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2013/72)

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Panel 2: "Exploring proposals, strategies and cooperative solutions for the period after 2015"

15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Moderator:
Ms. Annette Huber-Lee, Asia Centre Director and Senior Scientist, Stockholm Environment Institute

Closing

17:45 Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Security Council

Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

16:15 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 11:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Revised estimates in the aftermath of storm Sandy (A/67/748 and A/67/789))

11:00 to 12:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/67/714 and A/67/776))

12:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Feasibility study on the United Nations Headquarters accommodation needs 2014-2034 (A/67/720, A/67/788, A/66/349 and A/66/7/Add.3 (Sect. V)))

15:00 to 16:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 144 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/67/696 and A/67/768))

16:30 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 135 (Human resources management)

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to take action on a draft resolution submitted under sub-item (g) of agenda item 121 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries), and to consider, in a joint debate, agenda item 31 (Report of the Peacebuilding Commission) and agenda item 107 (Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund).

General Assembly

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

10:00 to 13:00	10th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
	Consideration of President's first draft text [item 13] *(continued)*	
15:00 to 18:00	11th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
	Consideration of President's first draft text [item 13] *(continued)*	
	Introduction of the President's second draft text	

[For further information on the Conference, delegations are invited to visit the website of the Conference at www.un.org/disarmament/ATT.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Executive meeting	

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy
Fifteenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction
Informal briefing

An informal briefing will be convened by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group *today*, 22 March 2013, at *15:00*, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The briefing is being held to advance preparations for the two two-day intersessional workshops in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/78.

United Nations Appeals Tribunal
Hearing

The United Nations Appeals Tribunal will hold a hearing (open) *today*, 22 March 2013, from 10:00 to 11:00, in the OAJ/UNDT Court Room, Teacher's Building (730 Third Avenue, 7th Floor).

Other activities

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Friday, 22 March 2013

Special event on "Achieving the MDGs through governance of water and sanitation: The experience of the MDG Fund" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Spain)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please Ms. Ana Porras, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail ana.porras@un.int).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Forever free: Celebrating emancipation" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

[For the complete list of events on the occasion of the International Day, please *click here*.]

Exhibit of signed copies of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution

Until Monday, 25 March 2013, from 09:00 to 17:30, in the Visitors' Lobby.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Timothy La Rose, DPI (e-mail larose@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0984).]

Concert

From 19:00 to 21:00, in the General Assembly Hall. [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Timothy La Rose, DPI (e-mail larose@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0984).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 22 March 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

13:30 United Nations University (UNU) and UN-Water [*Participants:* Mr. Zafar Adeel, Director, United Nations University's Canadian-based Institute for Water, Environment and Health; Mr. Jeremy Bird, Director-General, CGIAR's International Water Management Institute; Ms. Kusum Athukorala, Researcher and Advocacy Specialist, Chair of NetWater and the Sri Lanka Water Partnership; and Dr. Uschi Eid, Vice-Chair of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation and Co-Chair of the Bonn 2011 Water, Energy and Food Security Conference (on the occasion of the World Water Day)]

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 25 March 2013

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

15:00 — 68th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: Commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade [item 114]

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f), (g) and (h), 112 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 25 March 2013, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2013 substantive session

The 2013 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 1. to Friday, 19 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

A letter, dated 20 March 2013, was sent to all permanent missions and permanent observers regarding the schedule of meetings of the Commission. Queries regarding the letter could be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission (e-mail elliotts@un.org).

Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996
Sixteenth session

The sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) will be held from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.252/L.21.

For further information on the relevant documentation, including previous reports of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on measures to eliminate international terrorism, please *click here*. The attention of delegations is particularly drawn to the 2010 report of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee, contained in document A/C.6/65/L.10.

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee (room M-13068A; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). A scanned copy of the original note verbale may also be sent to kosalvitr@un.org.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 17 May 2013*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed organizational session for 2013

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 25, and Friday, 26 April 2013. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2013/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 12 April 2013*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik (e-mail ochalik@un.org) and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mail syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Briefing

The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold a briefing on the ongoing preparations for the tenth session of the Forum (8–19 April 2013, Istanbul, Turkey) on Monday, 25 March 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The representatives of all permanent missions are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, His Excellency Vladimir Lupan (Moldova), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-sixth session

The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 April 2013. The opening meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2013/1 and E/CN.9/2013/L.1, respectively. For background information, please *click here.*

The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Commission will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 17 April 2013*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: New trends in migration — demographic aspects), will be held from Monday, 22, to Wednesday, 24 April 2013. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for agenda item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)), *as of Monday, 25 March*. In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *seven minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *ten minutes*.

Once delegations and participants have inscribed on the list of speakers, they are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart@un.org, as soon as available, and at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-seventh session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-sixth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 14:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room C (NLB);

Tuesday, 26 March 2013, from 14:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room C (NLB); and

Wednesday, 27 March 2013, from 14:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room C (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 March 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR/ILO seminar on "Advancing social protection floors, Module I" (organized by the UNITAR New York Office)

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 10:00 to 13:30 and 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here.* For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Raising and empowering youth to break the cycle of violence against women and children"

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 10:15 to 12:15, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

High-level meeting on "The prevention of violence against children and its place in the post-2015 agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Liberia)

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 15:00 to 16:30, at the Danny Kaye Visitors Centre, UNICEF House.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Mark Purvis, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail mark.purvis@international.gc.ca).]

Round table on "Promotion and protection of human rights and the harmonization of the national legal framework with international obligations and standards" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO))

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Christian Tonatiuh González Jiménez, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail tgonzalezj@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 752-0220).]

Special event on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) (General Assembly resolution 62/139 (A/RES/62/139))

Screening of the film "This is my Child" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)

Thursday, 28 March 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Keinan Ben-Ezra, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail keinanb@newyork.mfa.gov.il; tel. 1 (212) 499-5583).]

Expert Group Meeting on "The high-level political forum" (organized by the Division of Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 3, and Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 13:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room S-2726 (Secretariat Building).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, DESA (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4528); or *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Voices from Laos: Clearing bombs, protecting lives" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Legacies of War)

Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Mr. Visasacksith Snookphone, Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (e-mail visasacksith.s@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 832-2734).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session
Istanbul, Turkey

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its tenth session from Monday, 8, to Friday, 19 April 2013, at the Lüfti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center (LKCC), in Istanbul, Turkey. The session will open on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/1/Rev.1. A note by the Secretariat with detailed information for participants is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/INF/1.

Ministerial segment

The session will include a ministerial segment, which will be held on Monday, 8 April, from 15:00 to 19:00, and on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 12:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30. A list of speakers will be established for statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegations. Delegations are requested to inscribe, *as soon as possible*, the names of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations who wish to make a statement during the high-level ministerial segment, by sending an e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). The time limits for statements are *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States.

Ministerial round tables

There will be two parallel round tables on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 9:00 to 10:30, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests and economic development; and

Round table 2: International arrangements on forests, the Rio+20 outcome and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

Immediately following the conclusion of the round tables, the Forum will convene in plenary, from 10:30 to 12:00, for a high-level interactive dialogue with the Heads of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests member organizations.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, *as soon as possible*, their preference for the participation of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations in one of the above-mentioned round tables, by e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for interventions will be given to participants who have been inscribed before the deadline. The time limit for interventions is *three minutes*.

Documentation

For documentation and further information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/.

List of participants

Delegations who have not yet communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat of the Forum, are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Forum for inclusion in the list of participants (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-1282), with a copy to the Protocol and Liaison Service for accreditation purposes (fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Registration

For information on registration of participants, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/session-access.

Major groups

Major groups organizations that are accredited with the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development are encouraged to attend the session. Information on participation is available at www.un.org/esa/forests/participation. Online registration is available at http://esango.un.org/irene/. Attention is drawn to the fact that the deadline for registration is *Monday, 25 March 2013*.

Side events

For information on side events, please *click here*.

Webcast coverage

The UN Webcast Unit will provide live and on-demand webcast coverage of the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests at http://webtv.un.org.

Travel and accommodation arrangements

Delegations wishing to attend the session are requested to contact directly, as soon as possible, the nearest Turkish consulate or embassy for information on visa and customs regulations. Delegations are also requested to make arrangements for accommodations through the host country's hotel bookings website at http://dekon.com.tr/unff10/en/.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 22 April, to Friday, 3 May 2013, in the Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be open on Tuesday, 2 April, at 10:00. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

States parties are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*, indicating the composition of their delegations to the session. The information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Room S-3132, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) by e-mail to Ms. Bertha Ortiz (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*.

Participants are requested to complete and send the registration form online (*click here*) or, alternatively, to complete the registration form annexed to the Information Note (annex I), which may be photocopied, and return it, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April 2013*, to Ms. Junko Hirakawa, preferably by e-mail (hirakawa@un.org).

Further information for participants, including the submission of pre-session documentation, is contained in the Information Note, and is also available on the website of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 26 March 2013.

Introduction to e-Books (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Wednesday, 27 March 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 28 March 2013 (*in Spanish*);

Wednesday, 17 April 2013 (*in English*); and

Wednesday, 24 April 2013 (*in French*).

Overview of the Legal Library (from 15:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Tuesday, 9 April 2013.

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 11 April 2013; and

Friday, 26 April 2013.

News E-resources for the United Nations community (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013.

Treaty research (from 14:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Friday, 26 April 2013.

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The Regional Courses in International Law provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The Regional Courses provide an important mechanism for expanding the international law training opportunities available to young lawyers from developing countries under the Programme of Assistance given the limited number of participants which can be accommodated in the International Law Fellowship Programme. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law of common concern in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

As the Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course for Africa, which will take place from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 April 2013 in Ethiopia. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013*.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course website at the following address: www.un.org/law/rcil/asia; or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here* for general information);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information); and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308)). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 21 March 2013

Security Council

6937th meeting

The situation concerning Iraq

Second report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2061 (2012) (S/2013/154)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Martin Kobler, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Martin Kobler.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Iraq.

6938th meeting *Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan*

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (S/2013/140)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of South Sudan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Hilde Johnson, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Hilde Johnson.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Charles Manyang D'Awol, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan.

General Assembly

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

7th meeting *Consideration of President's first draft text: preamble, principles and object and purpose* [item 13]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait (on behalf of the Arab Group), Algeria, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mali, Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group and in its national capacity), Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico (on behalf of the Bahamas, Belize, Chile, El Salvador, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay), Cuba, Brazil, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Pakistan, Ghana, Egypt, Japan, Norway (on behalf of Iceland and Norway), New Zealand, the United Republic of Tanzania, Belgium, the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica and Zimbabwe, as well as by the representative of the European Union.

The President of the Conference made a statement.

8th meeting

Consideration of President's first draft text: preamble, principles and object and purpose [item 13]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Liberia, Ecuador, the Syrian Arab Republic, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Indonesia, the Philippines, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Germany, Nicaragua, India, Zambia, Armenia, Burundi, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Denmark, the Sudan, Colombia and Israel, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Belize, Spain, Eritrea and France.

Statements by representatives of intergovernmental organizations and representatives of non-governmental organizations [item 12]

Statements were made by the representatives of the following organizations: Control Arms; South Sudan Action Network on Small Arms; Amnesty International; Oxfam; Instituto Sou da Paz; American Conservative Union; Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufactures Institute; International Committee of Museums and Collections of Arms and Military History; World Forum on Shooting Activities; and Defense Small Arms Advisory Council.

The President of the Conference made a statement.

9th meeting

The summary of the 9th meeting of the Final Conference will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/57).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Approval: European Union (21 March 2013)

Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. Seoul, 12 November 2012

Signature: Costa Rica (21 March 2013)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Chad
His Excellency Ahmad Allam-mi

Asia-Pacific States:
Qatar
His Excellency Sheikh Meshal Hamad M.J. Al-Thani

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vladimir Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Lucia
Her Excellency Menissa Rambally

Western European and other States:
Finland
His Excellency Jarmo Viinanen

Security Council

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